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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PCB BAN

REF: STATE 12760

1. RESPONSES TO EMBASY INQUIRIES ADDRESSED TO MITI, EA, INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES ALL INDICATE THAT AMOUNT OF PCB USED IN HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS AND DIECASTING MACHINERY HAS BEEN QUITE LIMITED. MITI OFFICIALS SAID PCB WAS ONE OF THE MINOR ADDITIVES USED IN HYDRAULIC FLUID; ADDITIVES INCLUDING PCB ACCOUNTED FOR LESS THAN 2 PER CENT OF HYDRAULIC FLUID. A MITI SURVEY SHOWS THAT DURING PERIOD FROM 1954 TO 1972, YEAR WHEN PCB PRODUCTION WAS STOPPED, TOTAL OF 59,319 TONS OF PCB WAS CONSUMED IN JAPAN. ITS BREAKDOWN BY USES IS AS FOLLOWS: ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT - 37,156 TONS, HEAT TRANSFER MEDIA - 8,585 TONS, CARBONELESS COPYING PAPER - 5.350 TONS, OTHER USES - 2,910 TONS - AND EXPORT 5,318 TONS. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MUCH OF 2,910 TONS IN "OTHER USES" WAS USED AS ADDITIVE IN HYDRAULIC FLUID.

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2. JAPAN PETROLUUM ASSOCIATION EVEN DENIED THAT PCB HAS BEEN USED IN HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS AND DIECASTING MACHINERY. MITSUBISHI MONSANTO, FIRM WHICH SHARED PCB PRODUCTION IN JAPAN WITH KANEGAFUCHI CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, SAID THAT AMOUNT OF PCB USED FOR THE PURPOSE WAS SO SMALL THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE ITS USES.

3. COMMENT: APPARENTLY JAPANESE HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED
PROBLEM OUTLINED REFTTEL. WE HAD CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY
EVEN IN DETERMINING IF PCB WAS USED IN HYDRAULIC FLUID.
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